



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Project No. 2310-242

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, And Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Temporary variance of license requirement
- b. Project No.: 2310-242
- c. Date Filed: July 2, 2021 and supplemented on July 14, 2021
- d. Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (licensee)
- e. Name of Project: Drum-Spaulding Project
- f. Location: South Yuba River and Bear River in Placer and Nevada counties, California
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a) – 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Michelle Ocken, License Coordinator, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, (530) 863-3439
- i. FERC Contact: Robert Ballantine, (202) 502-6289, [robert.ballantine@ferc.gov](mailto:robert.ballantine@ferc.gov).
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 20 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission (August 4, 2021).

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first

page of any filing should include docket number P-2310-242. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

- k. **Description of Request:** Due to persistent drought conditions, the licensee requests Commission approval of a temporary variance of the minimum flow requirement at streamflow gages YB-316 (Upper Peak Lower Peak and/or Kidd Lake), YB-207 (Lake Creek below Feeley Lake), YB-208 (Carr Lake), and YB-209 (Rucker Creek below Blue Lake). The licensee is requesting to reduce flow at YB-316, to 3 cubic feet per second (cfs) and that flows at YB-207, YB-208 and YB-209 be reduced from license required flows of 0.50 cfs (target), 0.20 cfs (allowable) to proposed flows of 0.50 cfs (target), 0.10 cfs (allowable), measured as a 48-hour average. As requested, the reduced flow releases would prevent dewatering of these reaches. If granted, the variance would last through October 1, 2021, or until adequate precipitation occurs to ensure that inflow equals outflow at the referenced reservoirs for at least seven consecutive days, whichever comes later.
- l. **Locations of the Application:** The Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.
- m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.
- n. **Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:** Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments,

protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

- o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 385.2010.

DATED: July 15, 2021.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,  
Deputy Secretary.

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